year, the cost of the earthwork being met therefrom. The taluk mestris may be required to prepare estimates of the works to be done to the tanks in their respective taluks, and the cost apportioned among the occupants of lands under the tanks according to the extent of their holdings, and recovered along with assessment. Individual notices should be issued demanding payment of the cost due from each raiyat, and the same recovered from defaulters under the provisions of the Land Revenue Code and the necessary repairs done to the tank. The minor tanks should be first brought to standard by the P. W. D. and then made over to the Revenue Department for their maintenance.

Maintenance of malnad tanks.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur Taluk.

(*c*) Government should undertake the earthwork of malnad tanks whose *atchkat* is between Rs. 100 and Rs. 300; and likewise of small irrigation works in the malnad.

Damage done to river channels.

Mr. Thirumale Srirangachar, Local Fund Board, Mysore Circle.

(*d*) Many serial tanks are often situated above the river channels, and the raiyats' neglect to repair the former often endangers such river channels. It is possible that during heavy rains these tanks might breach suddenly and empty themselves into the river channels with the ultimate result of breaching the latter. A recent case in point is the breaching of the Ramaswami nala some two months back, owing to the Halavara Kanniakanahalli tanks in the T.-Narsipur Taluk having breached.

Reply of Government.—The question of the repair of minor tanks is under consideration. The members are requested to carefully consider the question in all its bearings and to inform Government definitely what had best be done in the matter without undue hardship to raiyats and with due regard to the paramount necessity of preventing the deterioration of the tanks. As regards major tanks and other sources of irrigation, whatever is possible with the funds available is being done.

Subject No. 29.

Removal of silt by Government.

Mr. Srinivasamurthi of Gorur, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The new rule is that the annual silt-clearing and earthwork to river channels other than those of the Kaveri and the Hemavati are to be done by the holders of land thereunder. Seeing that there is no distinction between such holders and those under bigger channels, orders may be issued that silt-clearing and earthwork to channels may be attended to by Government.

Reply of Government.—Government consider that it is not desirable to make any alteration in the present system.

Subject No. 30.

Payment for the annual removal of silt.

Messrs. Amble Anniah Pandit and D. Narasimhiah of Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Public Works Department should be directed to give out annual silt-clearing work in the river channels on contract through the Amildars, and the work done by the raiyats should be measured by the P. W. D. and payment made for the same